

NSC BRIEFING

9 May 1956

WIDE-SCALE DISMISSALS OF SATELLITE OFFICIALS

- I. Wave of dismissals continuing.**
 - A. First to go--Chervenkov, Siroky and some Polish officials.**
- II. Four satellites now involved.**
 - A. Factionalism encouraged.**
 - B. Purpose of dismissals.**
 - 1. Stalinists being punished.**
 - 2. Elimination of opposition.**
- III. Poland shakeup most extensive.**
 - A. New Party leadership--Ochab.**
 - B. Opposition within party.**
 - 1. One hundred senior officials.**
 - C. Seven officials fired, five others demoted.**
 - D. Jakub Borman--Stalinist.**
 - 1. Personal enemy of Ochab.**
- IV. Rumanian officials dismissed.**
 - A. Deputy Premier Petrescu--not influential.**
 - B. State Arbitor.**
 - C. Rumors about Gheorghiu-Dej unfounded.**
 - D. Security forces reduced 11 percent.**
- V. Additional dismissals in Czechoslovakia anticipated.**
 - A. Copies--only one thus far.**
 - B. Public criticism increasing.**
 - C. Position of top leaders appear firm.**

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- VI. No dismissals to date in Albania, East Germany, Hungary**
 - A. Much factionalism in Hungary and East Germany.**
- VII. Mounting opposition to Rakosi.**
 - A. Soviet support—Pravda article.**
 - B. Fall would encourage further unrest.**
- VIII. Ulbricht criticized by party members.**
 - A. Defense by leading officials.**
 - B. Soviet support necessary.**